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**Disease/Agent Suspected or Test Requested:**

**Stool Culture**

<b>Provider Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>PRIOR CONSULTATION REQUIRED.</b></li><li>• Contact <a href="#">CEDEP</a> if foodborne outbreak is suspected.</li></ul>
<b>Acceptable Specimen Sources/Type(s) for Submission</b>	Stool
<b>TDH Requisition Form Number</b>	PH-4182
<b>Media Requirements</b>	C & S culture transport media (orange cap)
<b>Special Instructions</b>	
<b>Shipping Instructions</b>	Ship Room Temperature/Ambient
<b>Laboratory Section Performing Testing</b>	Enterics
<b>Lab Location(s) Performing Test</b>	Nashville

All infectious substance shipments must conform to U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR 49 C.F.R Parts 171-180).



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### **Stool Culture Collection Kit**

#### **Kit contents:**

- Instructions for collection of specimens
- Instructions for use of mailing containers
- Clinical Submission Requisition, PH-4182
- Pre-labeled shipping container
- C & S specimen vial
- Stool collection device
- Pair of latex gloves
- Plastic bag (Whirl-Pak bag)
- Trash bag liner
- Cotton filler

#### **Procedure**

1. For attaching the collection device to toilet bowl, follow instructions on package insert.
2. Have a bowel movement into the collection container.
3. Scoop stool with device attached to lid of C & S vial and fill with specimen to the line indicated on the vial. Screw lid on tightly.
4. To dispose of collection device, follow instructions on package insert.
5. Label specimen vial with patient information.
6. Insert vial into the plastic bag and cushion with cotton filler. Expel air from bag and fold down 3 - 4 times. Fold wires over toward center to secure.

#### **Processing and Shipping**

Complete Clinical Submission Requisition, PH-4182; testing will not be performed without a completed form.

Using the “pre-labeled specimen mailing container,” follow instructions for packaging and shipping to TDH Laboratory Services.

# Stool Collection Quick Guide

If the request is for...

- ☐ **Stool Culture**
- ☐ **Enteric Pathogens**
- ☐ **BioFire GI Panel**
- ☐ **Norovirus**
- ☐ **CryptoNet** (Total-Fix or frozen raw stool is acceptable)

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Transport Media Needed:

**Orange Cap C&S**

(C&S= Culture & Sensitivity)

Store at Room Temperature

If the request is for...

- ☐ **Ova & Parasite (O&P)**

Transport Media Needed:

**Total-Fix - Black Cap**

(Ova and Parasite Detection)

Store at Room Temperature

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